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Attention is directed to the **Sample Room** at the above address, the latest additions to which are the following:—

Samples.	Reference in "Board of Trade Journal." Date.	Page.
"Caravonica" cotton seeds and pods from Australia ...	9th Sept. 1909	521
Natal Maize Crop of 1909: Standard samples	19th Aug., "	393
Grape Syrup ("Most Komfyt") from Cape Colony ...	22nd July, "	182
"Posidonia Australis" Fibre from Spencer Gulf, South Australia	8th " "	84
Cod Skin Leather from Newfoundland	17th June, "	603
Fibre of the Okra Plant from the United States	10th " "	549
Various East African raw products	3rd " "	498
Phosphate from Natal	29th Apr., "	228
Woollen Sashes ("Kusbaks") sold in Turkey	15th " "	109
Candelilla Plant and Wax produced therefrom in Mexico	" " "	135
Cloth, stated to be of Austrian make, sold at Monastir ...	18th Mar., "	510
Court Plaster (German) and Paper (Dutch), both bearing British Royal Arms, sold in Spain	25th Feb., "	371

*** Particulars are given on p. 698 respecting the Register of British firms who may desire to receive **Confidential Information** relative to their respective trades.

A Trade Enquiry Office has been established at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., by the Government of the Dominion of Canada. Statements of the objects and work of this and other Colonial Enquiry Offices will be found on pp. 699-700.

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BRITISH INDIA.

Knitted Goods. See notice on p. 665.

CEYLON.

Sleepers. The Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of Ceylon, invite tenders for the supply of 62,200 Australian hardwood sleepers (jarrah or blackbutt, and including 5,000 yellow box and 5,000 blue gum). Tenders, in sealed envelopes, marked

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"Tender for Sleepers, Ceylon Railways," and addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., will be received up to noon on 6th October.

Forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained from the Crown Agents at the above address on payment of 1*l.*, returnable on receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender for the whole or part of the supplies required.

CANADA.

Commercial Enquiries.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Offices of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.**, whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

HOME ENQUIRIES.

A Birmingham firm wish to get into communication with Canadian **packers** of goods suitable for the **grocery** and **confectionery** trade.

Enquiry is made by a correspondent in the Midlands of England for the name of a Canadian exporter of **produce** requiring an agent in Great Britain.

Enquiry is made by a firm in Scotland manufacturing **commercial motor-cars** for the names of persons in Western Canada and in British Columbia willing to take up their agency.

A Birmingham firm are desirous of buying supplies of Canadian **wood board**, and would like to hear from shippers in the Dominion.

A firm in the north of England manufacturing a new material for use in the construction of **chemical plant** wish to be placed in touch with chemical manufacturers in Canada.

A Scottish firm manufacturing **polished granite monuments** are anxious to open up business in Canada.

A London firm of iron, steel and tinplate merchants wish to get into touch with Canadian shippers of **metals, minerals,** &c. (especially **wolfram**).

CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.

A lumber company in the Province of Quebec wish to find a market in Great Britain for **spruce lath**, 1 in., 1¼ ins., and 1½ ins. by 32 ins. and 48 ins. They are also desirous of hearing from buyers of **dressed pine and spruce lumber** and **cedar shingles.**

A correspondent in Montreal is desirous of securing **agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers.**

A Nova Scotia correspondent interested in an asbestos property in that province is desirous of being placed in communication with United Kingdom importers of **crude asbestos.**

A correspondent at Hamilton, Ontario, is desirous of securing

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the representation of a United Kingdom **woollen** manufacturer; also of a manufacturer of **linen** and **fancy goods.**

A Montreal firm are desirous of securing the **representation of some United Kingdom manufacturers of various goods.**

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

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The following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.**, whence further information regarding them may be obtained :—

HOME ENQUIRIES.

A West of England company, manufacturing **animal medicines, oils, embrocations,** and **food specialities,** wish to get into communication with Canadian importers.

A Liverpool firm are prepared to receive samples and quotations from Canadian producers and shippers of **wolfram.**

A London firm would be glad to hear from Canadian buyers of **barbed wire.**

A Lancashire importer of **friction** and **fibre boards** would like to correspond with Canadian manufacturers.

CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.

A Toronto manufacturers' agent would like to hear from United Kingdom manufacturers and shippers of Manchester **cotton goods, fancy printed silesias and satteens,** and also of goods used by manufacturers of **ladies' underskirts and dresses.**

A Canadian company of seed growers desire appointments as agents for United Kingdom firms who wish to raise **seed peas** in Canada from their own seed stocks.

A Montreal firm of commission merchants, who already represent several United Kingdom houses, are anxious to obtain agencies in goods saleable to the **saddlery, plumbing,** and **electrical** trades.

A Winnipeg firm, whose travellers cover the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, would like to represent a United Kingdom manufacturer of **sauces,** and could also handle other grocery goods.

Note.—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Accumulators.

The Representative in London of the Commonwealth of Australia (Capt. R. M. Collins, C.M.G.) has forwarded copies of the specification and conditions relative to a call for tenders for the supply and delivery, to the Deputy Postmaster-General at Melbourne, of two sets of accumulators.

Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Accumulators," should be addressed to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, by whom they will be received up to 3 p.m. on 23rd November.

Tender forms, specifications, &c., may be obtained, and preliminary deposits paid, at the Commonwealth Offices in London, 72, Victoria Street, S.W. Copies of the conditions, &c., may be seen by British firms interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

NEW ZEALAND.

Enquiry for Basic Slag.

A firm at Wellington are desirous of getting into communication with a British manufacturer of basic slag containing about 20 per cent. of phosphoric acid or 42 per cent. of phosphate of lime.

Communications referring to the above should be addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioner, 9, Grey Street, Wellington, New Zealand.

CAPE COLONY.

Steam Coal.

The Agent-General in London for the Cape of Good Hope announces that tenders are invited by the Cape Government Railways for the supply during the year 1910 of 127,260 to 149,580 tons of steam coal. Tenders will be received by the Controller and Auditor-General, Cape Town, up to noon on 26th October.

Copies of the forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained from the Agent-General for the Cape of Good Hope, 100, Victoria Street, London, S.W. Copies of the forms of tender, forwarded by the Imperial Trade Correspondent at Cape Town, may be seen by British firms interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

MALTA.

Stationery.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the Receiver-General and Director of Contracts, Valletta, up to 11 a.m. on 12th November, for the supply of stationery for the service of the Government of Malta during the year 1910–11. No tender will be considered unless it is made for the whole supply, and unless accompanied by a deposit

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of 20*l.* Greater consideration will be given to the quality than to the price of the articles to be supplied under this contract. If the tenderer does not reside in Malta, his tender must contain the name of a person residing in the island, to whom power must be given in the tender to represent the tenderer in the contract.

Printed forms of tender and of the specifications and conditions may be obtained, and samples of stationery seen, on application to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

EGYPT.

Metals, Files, Paints, Leather, Timber, Clothing, &c.

The Acting British Consul at Cairo has forwarded a copy of the conditions and specification relative to a call by the Egyptian Ministry of Education for tenders for the supply of various articles required by the Model Workshops at Bulaq and Assiut during the year 1910. Tenders, made out on stamped paper* of 30 millièmes, and enclosed in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Director-General of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Education, will be received up to noon on 15th November.

A deposit of 10 per cent. of the total value of the contract will be required from successful tenderers.

Copies of the specification and conditions of tender may be seen by British firms interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Iron Mooring Chains, Anchors, &c.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" contains a notice, issued by the Ports and Lighthouses Administration, to the effect that tenders will be received up to noon on 15th October, 1909, for the supply of iron mooring chains, anchors, &c., the specification of which can be had on application and payment of £T 10 per copy from the Secrétariat Department.

The offers must be accompanied by a stamped paper* of 30 mill., and placed in double sealed envelopes, the inner bearing the inscription "Tender for the supply of moorings," and the outer the address of the Director-General of the Ports and Lights Administration, Cairo.

RUSSIA.

Dock Construction.

The "Journal de St. Pétersbourg" of 21st September announces that a new dry dock, to accommodate large vessels, is to be built at Cronstadt by the Russian Admiralty at a cost of 5,300,000 roubles (about 560,000*l.*). The dock will be 600 feet long, 120 feet wide, and 35 feet deep.

* Obtainable from Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.

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RUSSIA—*continued.*

Railway Rolling Stock.

The "Journal" of 24th September reports that the Russian Minister of Communications has applied for a sum of 26,000,000 roubles (about 2,750,000*l.*), two-thirds of which amount it is intended to allocate to the purchase of locomotives, and the remainder to the provision of wagons.

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The "Handelsberichten" (The Hague) of 23rd September states, on the authority of the Dutch representative at St. Petersburg, that the city authorities of Viborg have drawn up plans for the construction of a new dock, the cost of which is estimated at 5,600,000 roubles (about 600,000*l.*).

Refrigerating Wagons and Plant.

According to the "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" (Paris) of 23rd September, the Directorate of the Riazan-Ural Railway have decided to submit to the Legislature a scheme for the acquisition of special refrigerating wagons for the carriage of perishable goods.

NORWAY.

Boiler Tubes.

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond Hay, M.V.O.) has forwarded copies of the conditions and specifications relative to a call by the Norwegian State Railways for tenders* for the supply of a quantity of boiler tubes. Tenders, marked "Anbud paa leverance af Kjedelrör," will be received at the Maskiningeniörens Kontor, Bispegaten 12, Christiania, up to 3 p.m. on 13th October.

The above-mentioned copies of the conditions and specifications may be seen by British makers interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

SWEDEN.

Commercial Enquiries.

The September number of the Journal of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in London publishes the following commercial enquiries:—

A hat merchant in Stockholm wishes to buy **plush silk**. (Reference No. A/119/09.)

A merchant in Sweden wishes to buy old **sacks** which have been used for wheat. (Reference No. A/120/09.)

* It should be noted that in all Norwegian Government contracts a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. (apart from Customs duties) is given to Norwegian manufacturers, and that it is obligatory that a resident agent (not necessarily a Norwegian firm) should act for tenderers not residing in Norway.

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A merchant in Stockholm wishes to represent British firms in Sweden.

Note.—Communications in connection with these enquiries should be addressed to the Swedish Chamber of Commerce, 134, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

GERMANY.

Gas Works Plant.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" (Brussels) of 26th September announces that the Municipal Authorities of Erlangen will shortly arrange for the erection of gas works at a cost of 850,000 marks (about 42,000*l.*).

It is to be noted that an agent in Germany is practically necessary.

NETHERLANDS.

Cast Iron Pipes.

H.M. Consul at Rotterdam (Mr. H. Turing) reports that the municipality of that town invite tenders for the supply of 595,200 kilograms of cast iron pipes. Tenders, marked "Inschrijving voor gegoten ijzeren buizen," and addressed to the Commissie voor de Gemeentebedrijven voor Gas en voor Electriciteit, Rotterdam, will be received up to 10.30 a.m. on 6th October.

A copy of the specification (in Dutch), forwarded by H.M. Consul, may be seen by British firms interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Tramway Material.

The "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels) of 25th September announces, on the authority of the Dutch "Vaderland," that the Communal Council of Zaltbommel have arranged for the construction and working of a horse-tramway, about 2½ miles long. The line will run from Zatbommel to the railway station.

SPAIN.

Electric Tramway Construction.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 23rd September publishes a notice inviting tenders for a sixty years' concession for the construction and working of an electric tramway to run from the Calle Mayor del Grao to the end of the West Quay, Valencia. Tenders will be received by the Director General de Obras Públicas, Ministerio de Fomento, Madrid, up to noon on 15th October. To qualify any tender it will be necessary to enclose a deposit of 2,425 pesetas (about 88*l.*), to be increased by the successful tenderer to 12,127 pesetas (about 440*l.*). Work must be begun within three months from the date of the award of the concession. An application respecting this concession has already been submitted by the

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Compañía General de Tranvías Eléctricas de Valencia, who have certain preferential rights in the competition.

Local representation is necessary.

Telephone Working.

The "Gaceta" of the 24th September contains a notice inviting tenders for a 15 years' concession for the working of the urban telephone system at Oviedo, the present lease expiring on the 31st October, 1909. Tenders will be opened by the Dirección General de Correos y Telégrafos, Madrid, at 11 a.m. on 8th November, but they must reach this address not later than noon on 2nd November. Tenders should be enclosed in sealed envelopes and be accompanied by a deposit of 3,000 pesetas (about 110*l.*), to be increased by the successful tenderer to 9,000 pesetas (about 330*l.*). The concessionaire is to have the right to modify or extend the present telephone system within a radius of 15 kilometres.

The above-mentioned "Gacetas" containing further particulars may be seen by British firms interested on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Local representation is necessary.

PORTUGAL.

Railway Material.

The "Diario do Governo" of 22nd September publishes a Decree, issued by the Portuguese State Railways, approving the plans and estimate of 210,300 milreis (about 42,000*l.*) for the construction of the Perdiganito to Montoito section of the Guadiana railway.

ITALY.

Electric Tramway Material.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 24th September publishes a decree granting to the Societá Anonima "Les Tramways de Bologne," of Bologna, powers to construct and work a new electric tramway from the Alemanni terminus to the suburb of Crociali di Bologna. The new line will take the form of an extension of the Via Mazzini tramway.

The same issue of the "Gazzetta" contains a decree authorising the "Société Anonyme des Tramways de Livourne," of Leghorn, to construct and work a new electric tramway from the Piazza Cavour-San Iacopo to Via Salviano.

Agency for Woollen Cloth.

A firm at Milan are desirous of obtaining the agency for Italy of a first-class Bradford or Huddersfield manufacturer of woollen cloth.

Communications referring to the above should be addressed to the British Consulate at Milan.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Dam Construction.

According to the "Oesterreichischer Zentral-Anzeiger" (Vienna) of 23rd September, the Galician Landtag have decided upon an important scheme for improving the Vistula at Cracow. This will involve the building of dams, &c. The cost of the work is estimated at 9,000,000 kronen (375,000*l.*).

The carrying out of the above work may involve the purchase of materials which will have to be obtained out of Austrian territory.

Waterworks.

The same issue of the "Zentral-Anzeiger" notifies that the Administrative authorities of the Communal Waterworks for Prague and the suburbs have sanctioned an expenditure of 3,750,000 kronen (156,250*l.*) for the acquisition of the material necessary for the waterworks installation.

Machine Tools.

The "Zentral-Anzeiger" further notifies that Messrs. F. and J. Kovarík of Prossnitz (Mähren) have arranged for a large extension of their agricultural machinery and motor works, for which purpose the concern will be turned into a company with a capital of 2,000,000 kronen (about 83,000*l.*). The financial arrangements will be undertaken by the Zionostenská Bank.

GREECE.

Enquiry for Buyers of Honey.

A British subject in Athens is desirous of getting into communication with persons in the United Kingdom willing to purchase Hymettus honey, of which he can supply some 3,000 okes in tins containing 21 kilogs., 5 kilogs. and 1 kilog. He would also be prepared to enter into contracts for the delivery of 4,000—5,000 okes per annum.

Communications referring to the above should be addressed to the British Consulate at the Piraeus.

BULGARIA.

Industrial and Agricultural Machinery.

The following extract from a report of the German Consulate at Varna is taken from the "Nachrichten für Handel und Industrie" (Berlin) of 13th September:—Although the demand at Varna for industrial machinery increased in 1908, the market for agricultural machinery was slack. There was a demand for machine tools and machinery for working wood and for sawing. From a comparison of the agricultural implements in use in the years 1902 and 1905, it appears that there has been a

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considerable increase in the quantity of iron ploughs, mowing machines, threshing implements, and tedders. In selling grinding mills, Austrian traders were first. In the matter of ploughs it is worthy of notice that the smaller kinds were in more demand than the larger and deep-cutting sorts.

SERVIA.

Electrical Material.

The "Oesterreichischer Zentral-Anzeiger" (Vienna) of 23rd September notifies, on the authority of the Austro-Hungarian Consul at Belgrade, that the communal authorities of Velke Hradiste have applied for powers to build a large electrical works for the needs of the district.

Bridge Construction.

The same issue of the "Zentral Anzeiger" announces that the Servian Legislature have appointed a committee to consider the question of building a bridge over the Danube between Radujewatz and Husiak.

TURKEY.

Information has been received by the Board of Trade from the Turkish Ambassador, through the Foreign Office, to the effect that tenders are invited by the Turkish Ministry of Commerce and Public Works up to 14th October for the irrigation of the gardens and plains of Jaffa. Tenders, in sealed envelopes, should be addressed to "Le Ministère du Commerce et des travaux publics," Constantinople.

A deposit of £T200 is required to qualify any tender.

It is understood that the shares in the Ottoman Company to be formed by the concessioner can only be held by Ottoman subjects, but the Company will have the right to issue bonds (to bearer) for a sum equal to half the amount of capital necessary for the execution of the works.

H.M. Consul-General at Constantinople (Mr. H. C. A. Eyres) reports that tenders are invited by the Turkish Ministry of Public Works up to 14th October for the construction of a harbour at Jaffa. Tenders, in sealed envelopes, should be addressed to the Ministry of Public Works, Constantinople.

A deposit of £T 400 must be made at the Ministry by the same date as a guarantee of good faith.

H.M. Consul at Constantinople (Mr. A. T. Waugh) has forwarded a copy (in Turkish) of the conditions of a concession for the installation and working of a telephone system in Turkey, together with an unofficial translation thereof. It is provided *inter alia* that the concession, which is for 30 years, shall be transferred to an

Ottoman limited company. All claims and legal proceedings are to come before the ordinary Ottoman courts.

Tenders, which must be accompanied by drawings, patterns, specifications, price lists, &c., should be addressed direct to the Ministry of Finance, where they will be received up to the 14th October.

The concession will comprise Constantinople and its environs.

The documents forwarded by the Consul may be seen by British firms interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Local representation is understood to be essential in the case of Turkish Government contracts. A list of British agents established at Constantinople may be obtained by British firms interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

MEXICO.

Electrical Plant for Manufacture of Chemical Products.

With reference to the notice on p. 58 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th July relative to the formation in Mexico of a company to manufacture steel and chemical products by the use of electrical power, H.M. Legation in that country report that the company have been granted a concession to establish a factory for producing carbide of calcium, cyanide of potassium, caustic potash, caustic soda, and chloride of lime. The company undertake to invest 200,000 dollars (about 20,000*l.*) in the enterprise; plans for the buildings are to be submitted to the Ministerio de Fomento within a year from 17th August, and the factory is to be completed within two years from the approval of the plans. Additional factories may subsequently be erected, to cost not less than 50,000 dollars (about 5,000*l.*) each. The concession is for a period of 10 years. The company may import free of duty all machinery and apparatus, building materials, &c., necessary for the construction of the factory and for the manufacture of the chemicals.

CUBA.

Bridge Construction.

The "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels) of 25th September reports that the Belgian Consul at Havana has forwarded to the Belgian Foreign Office plans and photographs relative to a scheme for the building of a bridge at Havana, the promoters of which, it appears, desire to get in touch with foreign bridge constructors.

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BRAZIL.

Railway Material.

With reference to the notice on p. 369 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th February relative to the construction of a railway from Timbó to Propriá, the Brazilian "Diario Official" of 27th August publishes the text of the contract entered into between the Legislature and Senhor Austricliano Honorio de Carvalho for the carrying out of the above work. A stipulation is made that the materials, viz., bridge superstructures, rolling stock, steel rails, &c., to be imported from abroad, shall be exempt from Customs duty.

The "Diario," containing full particulars of the contract, may be seen by British firms interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Electric Railway Material.

The "Diario Official" of 4th September contains a decree authorising the concessioner company of the Corcovado Railway, viz., the Rio de Janeiro Tramway Light and Power Company, Limited, to substitute electric traction for steam power on the railway in question, for which purpose the expenditure of a sum of 410,300 milreis (about 26,000*l*) has been sanctioned. The company must submit plans within three months for the carrying out of the work.

Railway Material.

The "Brazilian Review" of 7th September states that the Chamber of Deputies have approved the authorisation granted to the Central of Brazil Railway for the electrification of its suburban lines.

It appears, also, that the President of the Republic has signed a decree authorising the Minister of Public Works to open a credit of 250,000 milreis (about 15,600*l*.) for expenses connected with the extension of the Baturité railway.

PARAGUAY.

Railway and Telegraph Material; Wharves.

See notice on p. 680–1.

JAPAN.

Electric Tramway Material; Bridgework; Waterworks Material, &c.

The British Vice-Consul at Osaka (Mr. W. B. Cunningham) reports that the Osaka City Assembly have voted a sum of some 60,000*l*. for restoration work in the area devastated by the fire which occurred in that city recently. *Inter alia*, it is intended to construct a broad road, three miles in length, and to lay down electric tram lines, which will be linked up with the existing municipal system. The Municipality incurred loss by damage to roads and tram lines, and by the destruction of bridges, schools and material for waterworks extension.

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JAPAN—*continued.*

Knitted Goods in British India.

The part of the city in which the conflagration happened was one of the centres of the knitted goods industry, and, in consequence of the destruction of the workshops, it is expected that the quantity of these goods available for export this year will be less than in 1908 by from 20 to 30 per cent.; British India is one of the chief countries to which the knitted goods are exported, and the trade has increased very considerably of late.

Electrical Machinery and Material.

The "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels) reports, on the authority of the Belgian Consulate, that there are good openings in Japan for all kinds of electrical machinery and appliances. The following is an extract from the articles in question:—

The latest accounts show that there are 177 firms and companies engaged in electrical enterprises, 146 providing electric light and motive force: their total collective power is about 300,000 kilowatts. Some 210,000 houses are lighted by electricity, being provided with 860,000 incandescent lamps and 910 arc lamps.

The most important company is the Tokio Electric Light Company, which at present has three power stations and nine substations for transformation; this company is about to enlarge its works to the extent of four generating machines and 47 transformers, and has under consideration the erection of new power stations and sub-stations for transformation, &c. Several other companies are also about to undertake improvements and extensions of a similar nature, whilst others newly constituted have not yet completed their installations.

The number of officially recognised electric tramway companies is 60; of these, however, only some 20 are as yet working, the installation being generally slow for lack of capital. Some tramway companies supply also electric light and motive force; of these by far the most important is the Tokio Jetsudo Kabushika Kaisha, which is about to carry out considerable extensions.

EXHIBITION.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Stanley Show, 1909.

The Board of Trade have been notified that the thirty-third annual show of cycles, motor vehicles, motor cycles, accessories, parts, and machinery used in their manufacture will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall from 19th to 27th November next. For information regarding this exhibition application should be made to the Managing Director and Secretary, Stanley Show, Limited, 19, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

New Zealand.—H.M. Trade Commissioner for New Zealand (Mr. G. H. F. Rolleston) suggests that it would be well for manufacturers of small articles made up in boxes or attached to cards to omit the English retail price on such goods intended for export; it is impossible for the Colonial retailer to sell at the English price, and customers are apt to be dissatisfied in consequence.

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Correspondents in Canada.

With reference to the notice on p. 373 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20th May relative to the appointment of Trade Correspondents in Canada, it is now notified that Mr. F. W. Field has been appointed Trade Correspondent at Toronto, the appointment to date from 1st October.

FRONTIER TRADE OF INDIA IN 1908–9.

The following particulars of the frontier trade of India have been extracted from the "Review of the Trade of India in 1908–9" by Mr. Frederick Nöel-Paton, Director-General of Commercial Intelligence at Calcutta:—

The bulk of India's Foreign Trade is seaborne, the value of the trade across the land frontiers being equal, on the average of the last three years, to about 4·8 per cent. of the trade carried by sea. Although the frontier trade is relatively small and exhibits a certain decline in the year now under review, it shows on the whole a progressive tendency, part of which may be due to improved methods of registration. The total value of merchandise and treasure imported and exported across the land frontier of India amounted in 1908–9 to Rs. 15,24,92,089 (about 10,166,132*l.*), as compared with Rs. 15,54,10,102 (about 10,360,674*l.*) in 1907–8, and Rs. 14,13,90,673 (about 9,426,045*l.*) in 1906–7.

The geographical distribution of trade (merchandise only) was as follows during the last three years—

	1906-7.	1907-8.	1908-9.
	Thousands of Rupees.	Thousands of Rupees.	Thousands of Rupees.
N.W. Frontier—			
Afghanistan—Southern and Western ...	1,15,78	1,17,11	1,14,43
" —Northern and Eastern ...	93,74	98,62	85,78
Dir, Swat and Bajaur	1,19,03	1,29,53	1,12,42
Persia	5,39	9,91	9,55
Ladakh	7,67	11,06	2,73
N. & N.E. Frontier—			
Tibet	35,06	40,21	39,78
Nepal	4,35,70	4,93,08	5,08,64
Sikkim and Bhutan	25,96	22,17	22,69
E. Frontier—			
Western China...	53,42	57,97	59,12
North Shan States	1,09,38	1,45,65	1,53,99
South Shan States	1,05,29	1,20,96	1,11,73
Karenni	24,91	20,79	18,31
North Siam	33.50	37,85	35,99
South Siam	10,14	10,40	12,69

WORLD'S PRODUCTION OF SILK IN 1908.

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) has forwarded the following statistics, which have been published by the Lyons Silk Merchants' Syndicate, showing the world's production of silk in 1908, as compared with previous years :—

—	1906.	1907.	1908.
Western Europe.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.
France	605	662	656
Italy	4,745	4,820	4,486
Spain	56	82	75
Austria-Hungary	342	345	334
Total	5,748	5,909	5,551
Levant and Central Asia.			
Turkey-in-Asia—			
Brousa and Anatolia...	554	602	615
Syria and Cyprus	470	535	490
Other provinces	—	146	145
Turkey-in-Europe—			
Salonica and Adrianople	257	342	285
Balkan States	185	225	207
Greece and Crete	75	76	65
Caucasus	455	492	360
Persia and Turkestan (exports)	628	608	526
Total	2,624	3,026	2,693
Far East.			
China—			
Exports from Shanghai	4,262	4 155	5,638
„ „ Canton	1,962	2,250	2,378
Japan : Exports from Yokohama ...	5,992	6,370	7,570
India : Exports from Calcutta and Bombay	325	350	250
Total	12,541	13,125	15,836
Grand total	20,913	22,060	24,080

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

H.M. Vice-Consul at Santo Domingo (Mr. E. M. de Garston) reports that the Dominican Ministry of Finance and Commerce has issued a notice calling upon all creditors of the Dominican Government to present their claims, for verification and recognition, before 1st January, 1910. All credits not presented prior to that date will be considered null and void, pursuant to a law passed by the Dominican Congress in May last. Holders of notes of the National Bank also are called upon to present their notes for adjustment, at the rate of 20 per cent. of their nominal value, before 1st January, 1910.

PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF COCOA OF THE WORLD.

The following particulars of the production and consumption of cocoa in the years 1906-8 are extracted from the "Gordian," the German paper dealing with the cocoa trade :—

Cocoa Crop of the World.

Countries.	1906.	1907.	1908.
	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.
Brazil	25,135,000	24,528,000	32,956,000
Ecuador	23,426,897	19,670,571	32,119,110
San Thomé	24,619,560	24,193,980	28,560,300
Trinidad	12,983,467	18,611,430	21,737,070
Santo Domingo	14,312,992	10,151,374	19,005,071
Venezuela	12,864,609	13,471,090	16,303,196
British West Africa ...	9,758,964	10,451,498	14,256,634
Grenada	4,931,530	4,612,100	5,103,245
Hayti	2,107,905	2,350,000	3,150,000
Ceylon	2,509,622	4,699,559	2,836,215
German Colonies	1,367,977	1,966,336	2,737,529
Jamaica	2,505,608	2,218,741	2,694,381
Dutch East Indies... ...	1,849,847	1,800,153	2,538,841
Fernando Po	1,557,864	2,438,856	2,267,159
Surinam	1,480,568	1,625,274	1,699,236
French Colonies	1,262,090	1,387,219	1,500,000
Cuba...	3,271,969	1,713,830	862,631
Saint Lucia	716,200	750,000	700,000
Belgian Congo	402,429	548,526	612,000
Dominica	572,948	590,633	498,821
Costa Rica	176,243	277,884	340,375
Other Countries	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	148,794,289	149,057,054	193,482,814

Cocoa Consumption of the World.

Countries.	1906.	1907.	1908.
	Kilogs.	Kilogs.	Kilogs.
United States	37,948,575	37,526,505	42,615,293
Germany	35,260,500	34,515,400	34,351,900
United Kingdom	20,132,040	20,159,472	21,051,520
France	23,403,800	23,180,300	20,444,500
Netherlands	11,224,000	12,219,249	15,821,000
Spain	5,636,821	5,628,239	6,580,113
Switzerland...	6,466,900	7,124,200	5,820,500
Belgium	3,861,686	3,253,967	4,554,081
Austria-Hungary	3,312,800	3,471,700	3,707,300
Russia	2,670,940	2,473,380	2,588,060
Italy...	1,385,000	1,455,500	1,432,600
Denmark	1,190,000	1,225,000	1,200,000
Canada	1,035,182	1,115,957	1,077,034
Sweden	1,057,218	696,455	974,000
Australia	386,497	400,000	500,000
Norway	580,043	524 713	466,959
Portugal	145,604	150,000	171,572
Finland	86,252	103,804	85,504
Other Countries	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,200,000
Total	156,783,858	156,223,841	164,641,936

The **stocks** of cocoa remaining on hand at the end of the years 1906, 1907 and 1908, were estimated at 52,345,058 kilogs., 45,204,647 kilogs. and 78,488,009 kilogs., respectively.

Kilog. = 2·204 lbs.

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

BRITISH INDIA.

Free Importation of certain Articles for the Troops.

A copy of a Customs Notification (No. 6,311-85), dated 25th August, 1909, has been received extending to units of the Imperial Service Troops the concession granted to units of H.M. regular forces serving in India, by which certain articles are exempted from Customs duty when imported into British India for the use of such units. A certificate from the Inspecting Officer of the Imperial Service Troops concerned is required, to the effect that the articles are necessary for such troops and will be used solely for military purposes.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

By-Laws relating to Machine Tools, &c.

Copies of Customs By-Laws (Nos. 55-57) have been received amending previous By-Laws relating to the importation of the undermentioned articles into the Australian Commonwealth :—

By-Law No. 55 amends the By-Law of 14th September, 1908, which provides for the importation free of duty of certain machine tools and parts, by deleting the words "not including extra parts" from the following item of machine tools :—

For paper finishing, cutting and folding—

Boxmaking, not including extra parts.

Under By-Law No. 56 the following machine tools and parts may be admitted free of duty, with effect from 22nd July, 1909 :—

For wood working—

Handle and spoke making.

Under By-Law No. 57 it is provided that trophies, &c., won abroad or sent by donors resident abroad for presentation or competition in Australia must not bear advertisements, if they are to be imported free of duty under Tariff No. 444.

Drawback of Duty on Rice Offal or Rice Bran.

A copy of a Circular (No. 258 of 1909) has been received stating that it has been decided that rice offal or rice bran shall be included with the term "rice meal" on which drawback of duty is allowed when produced in the process of cleaning imported uncleaned rice.

Standard for levying Duty on Concentrated Japan.

A copy of the Statutory Rules (No. 94 of 1909) has also been received, providing, with effect from 22nd July last, that the following shall be the standard according to which duty shall be charged on the undermentioned "japan" on importation into the Australian Commonwealth :—

Concentrated japan of a consistency that by the addition of an

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equal weight of turpentine produces a japan of ordinary consistency—one gallon of the concentrated japan to be deemed equal to two gallons of the japan of ordinary consistency.

The rates of duty leviable on japan are 2*s.* per gallon under the British Preferential Tariff, and 2*s.* 6*d.* per gallon under the General Tariff.

Denaturation of China Oil.

With reference to the notice published on p. 422 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4th March last, respecting the denaturation of China oil entered for delivery free of Customs duty in Australia after denaturation, the "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" for 14th August, 1909, contains a Customs By-Law (No. 58), dated 5th August, amending, with effect from 15th July, 1909, the method of denaturation, which is to be as follows:—

When the oil is for use other than for soap making, to each 100 gallons of the oil shall be added:—

20 gallons high test kerosene,
3 gallons commercial cod oil,
1 gallon thin residual oil of sp. gr. not exceeding 0·90 at 60° F., flash point not below 150° F., and vicosity not above 1 min. 50 sec. at 80° F. (Redwood).

When for use in the manufacture of soap, the oil, when opened, must—

(*a*) at once be mixed with soap stock. (Prior to such mixing the Collector of Customs shall be satisfied that mixture with such stock will constitute effectual denaturation of the oil), or

(*b*) be denatured by the addition to each 100 gallons of the oil of 5 per cent. of castor oil, and of 5 per cent. of molten tallow.

Customs Decisions.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of a Supplement (No. 4) to the Customs Tariff Guide, dated 3rd August last, giving various Customs decisions relative to the rates of duty leviable on certain articles imported into the Australian Commonwealth.

The following are the principal decisions given:—

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Articles.	Tariff No.	Rate of Import Duty. General Tariff.	Rate of Import Duty. United Kingdom Preferential Tariff.
Advertising matter—			
Enemas bearing the words "Jackson, Chemist"	389	25 % *ad val.*	25 % *ad val.*
Flour bags, calico, having printed thereon "John Murdoch & Son, Victoria Mills, Hobart. Patent Acme Roller Flour"			
Reporters' note books bearing advertisements	356 A	6*d.* per lb., or 35 % *ad val.*, whichever rate returns the higher duty.	6*d.* per lb., or 35 % *ad val.*, whichever rate returns the higher duty.
Single sheets printed with a number of patterns of lace curtains, and bearing the words "Bothers, Sydney. Special purchase white lace curtains, 3½ yards, Summer Season, 1909. Newest designs"...			
Bags, baskets, &c.—			
Baskets, wicker, lined with fancy coloured leather, and fitted with garden and other tools—			
Baskets	387 B	30 % *ad val.*	25 % **ad val.**
Contents		According to	Tariff headings
Belting, steel (a manufacture in rolled steel, used in place of leather or composition belting)	170 A	30 % *ad val.*	25 % **ad val.**
Caulking tools, bent in shape, for use in packing lead wool	170 A	30 % „	25 % „
Gloves, textile, the palm fingers and thumb lined with leather	120 A	30 % „	20 % „
Guns and rifles, &c.—			
B.S.A. miniature ·22 Cal. rifles, "No. 2" model, with graduated sight...	139 G	5 % *ad val.*	**Free**
"Greener" miniature club rifle, ·22 Cal., with graduated sight ...			
*Jacks, lifting (ordinary screw or bottle jacks), including timber lifting (in some cases known as "German jacks")	162 C	25 % *ad val.*	20 % **ad val.**
Machinery—			
Belt stretchers with strong wooden jaws, wrought-iron gearing, screw and lever, for stretching machinery belting	„	25 % „	20 % „
*Bending and creasing machines for paper box making	166	Free	Free
*Dies, screw cutting for machine use (similar to screwing dies for bolt and nut making)	168	Free	Free
*Flock or hair teasing machines, saddlers' or upholsterers'	165 A	15 % *ad val.*	15 % **ad val.**
Grain cleaners and graders combined	145	15 % „	12½ % „

* Revised decision.

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Articles.	Tariff No.	Rate of Import Duty.	
		General Tariff.	United Kingdom Preferential Tariff.
Machinery—*continued.*			
Hoists (double cylinder) designed for underground use, particularly for winze and shaft sinking—worked by air or steam	162 C	25 % *ad val.*	20 % **ad val.**
Locomotive bogie wheels, including axles permanently attached to the wheels	222	5 % „	Free
Locomotive bogie wheel axles, when not permanently attached to the wheels	380 G	35 % „	30 % **ad val.**
Motors, agricultural, for ploughing, hauling, and driving farm machinery	161	25 % „	20 % „
*Motors, marine—			
Reversing gear, when built in with motor	160 C	20 % „	20 % *ad val.*
Reversing gear, when separate from motor ... ... (This does not apply to the propeller shaft, as this is always coupled to the motor, and cannot be considered an integral part thereof.)	162 C	25 % „	20 % „
Motors, oil—			
Reversing or speed gear, when built in with motor	160 C	20 % „	20 % „
Reversing or speed gear, when separate from motor	162 C	25 % „	20 % „
Punching machines for punching shapes from cloth. May also be used as a press with any description of punching die	162 C	25 % *ad val.*	20 % **ad val.**
Whitewashing and painting machines	„	25 % „	20 % „
Meters, gas, coin operated	178 B	5 % „	Free
Paper—			
Animal parchment, so called. A paper specially treated and impregnated with albuminous matter	356 M	20 % „	15 % **ad val.**
Cap or wrapping paper, weighing over 9 lbs. for 500 sheets, 20 ins. by 30 ins., and not more than 13 lbs. for 480 sheets, 20 ins. by 30 ins., whether glazed or unglazed, and irrespective of colour			
"Lignomur," an embossed wall-paper		... ...	

* Revised decision.

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Articles.	Tariff No.	Rate of Import Duty.	
		General Tariff.	United Kingdom Preferential Tariff.
Plates—			
Band steel (rolled into half sections of steel pipes) of exceptional length, and specially shaped at the edges for use in the manufacture of steel pipes on the locking-bar type for hydraulic mains ...	183	17½ % *ad val.*	12½ % **ad val.**
Heel plates, used in the manufacture of wood lasts	313	35 % „	**25** % „
Pliers, for extracting bad stoppers from mineral water bottles	168	Free.	Free
Shears, tailors'	153	15 % *ad val.*	**10** % **ad val.**
Solder, corded (solder in wire form) ...	Unspecified	Free.	Free
Spelter	„	„	„
Springs, used in the manufacture of wood lasts. These are ordinary coil or spiral springs	170 A	30 % *ad val.*	**25** % **ad val.**
Tape, white kali, on reels. Used both for apparel and tying purposes ...	434	Free.	Free.
Testers—			
Milk bottle, of metal (for testing the sizes of milk bottles)	170 A	30 % *ad val.*	**25** % **ad val.**
Vulcan portable gauge tester ...			
Vehicles, &c.—			
Spring clips (parts of springs) ...	380 G	35 % *ad val.*	**30** % „
Hooks, trace and shaft			
Motor car treads, being coverings for the wheels of motor cars to protect the tyres...			
Yarns—			
Italian line yarn, dry spun, strong twist. Imported in hanks ...	400 A	10 % *ad val.*	10 % *ad val.*

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE AND SWAZILAND.

Exportation of Angora Rams or Ewes to German South-West Africa permitted.

The "Official Gazette of the High Commissioner for South Africa" of 27th August last contains Notices (Nos. 55 and 56), dated 19th August, 1909, permitting the exportation of Angora rams or ewes from the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland to German South-West Africa, in consequence of there being a statute in force in the German Territory prohibiting the exportation therefrom of such animals.

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ST. VINCENT.

Importation, &c., of Petroleum and Explosives, and allowance of Drawback of Duty on Petroleum used as fuel for Machinery.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of an Ordinance (No. 5 of 1909) to regulate the importation, storage and sale of explosives and petroleum in St. Vincent. The Ordinance, which is to come into force on 1st April, 1910, provides that no person shall import, manufacture, sell, convey, keep, or have in his possession any volatile petroleum, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, or any adaptation or preparation thereof being of an explosive character, except in the form of small arm ammunition, percussion caps, or fuses, without permission in writing from the Governor, who may attach such special conditions as to the importation, manufacture, storage, safe custody and use thereof in each instance as he may think fit.

The term "volatile petroleum" means any kerosene oil which is of an inferior quality to, or gives off an inflammable vapour at a lower temperature than, the ordinary commercial kerosene oil commonly known and described as 130° test, and any other oil made from petroleum which gives off an inflammable vapour as aforesaid.

Provision is also made for the allowance of a drawback of the Customs duty paid on petroleum used exclusively as fuel for machinery employed in the manufacture or preparation for market of agricultural products of the Colony. Every claim for such drawback must be made within twelve months from the date of the entry for consumption of the petroleum in respect of which the drawback is claimed, and must be supported by a statutory delaration by the owner or manager of the machinery to the effect that such petroleum was actually and exclusively used as fuel for such machinery.

EGYPT.

Prohibition of Importation of Cotton Seed.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 26 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 7th July, 1904, respecting the prohibition of the importation into Egpyt of cotton seed from America, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, copy of an Egyptian Law, dated the 30th August, 1909, extending the above-mentioned prohibition to all cotton seed, whatever its origin.

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FRANCE.

Importation of Boxes for Alimentary Preserves made of Printed Tinplate.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 416 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 26th November, 1908, respecting the prohibition of the importation into France of boxes for alimentary preserves, painted or varnished externally with preparations with a lead base, a recent French Customs Circular notifies that the prohibition does not extend to coloured varnishes applied by printing process to the tinplate of which boxes are made, but only to varnishes or paints applied externally with the brush, or in such thick coating that the varnish or paint may become detached in scales when the boxes are opened.

Denaturation Tax on the Alcohol used in the Preparation of Hydrosulphite of Soda.

A further Customs Circular notifies that, in virtue of a Ministerial Decision, dated the 8th July, 1909, hydrosulphite of soda in powder shall pay, in addition to the Customs duty applicable to "salts of soda not specially mentioned," the denaturation tax on the alcohol used in its preparation on the basis of 4 centilitres of alcohol per kilogramme of the salt. (Hitherto the denaturation tax has been payable on the basis of 50 centilitres of alcohol per kilogramme.)

SWITZERLAND.

Customs Decisions.

The following decisions affecting the application of the Customs Tariff of Switzerland have recently been issued by the Swiss Customs Department;—

Articles.	Tariff No. under which dutiable.	Rate of Duty.
		Frs. cts. *Per* 100 *kilogs.*
Bacon, dried, salted, smoked	77*b*	20 00
Indigo paper, carbon paper	307*d*	20 00
Chains of grey cast iron	761-763	Various rates according to nature and weight.
Nitrophenols, binitrophenols, trinitrophenol (picric acid); nitrodichlorbenzine, binitrochlorbenzine, nitrochlorbenzine, binitrobenzine; nitrotoluolsulphonic acids, dinitrotoluolsulphonic acids, toluolsulphonate of sodium, nitrotoluine, orthosulphochloride of toluine, nitrochlorbenzosulphonic acids, nitroxylines, dinitroxylines	1065*a*	0 30
Phenosulphonic acid (sozolic acid, aseptol, sulphophenol): Provided that proof be furnished that they are to be used in the manufacture of colours	1066*b*	0 60
Otherwise	974*b*	10 00
Marble white (*blanc de marbre*)	1100*a*	4 50

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ROUMANIA.

Importation of Grapes.

The Board of Trade have received copies of recent Circulars of the Roumanian Ministry of Finance relating to the importation of grapes into Roumania, and laying down the conditions on which such importation is permitted. Copies of the Circulars (in Roumanian) may be inspected by British traders interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Requirements as regards Marking of Imported Merchandise.

The Board of Trade are in receipt of the following Circular, issued by the United States Treasury Department, in connection with the marking of imported merchandise to indicate the country of origin under Section VII. and paragraphs 152, 154, and 192 of the Tariff Act of 5th August, 1909.

Marking of Imported Merchandise to indicate Country of Origin, &c., under Section VII., and paragraphs 152, 154, *and* 192, *of the Tariff Act of 5th August,* 1909.

Section 7 of the Tariff Act of 5th August, 1909, provides as follows:—

"That all articles of foreign manufacture or production which "are capable of being marked, stamped, branded, or labelled, "without injury, shall be marked, stamped, branded, or labelled "in legible English words, in a conspicuous place that shall not "be covered or obscured by any subsequent attachments or "arrangements, so as to indicate the country of origin. Said "marking, stamping, branding, or labelling shall be as nearly "indelible and permanent as the nature of the article will permit.

"All packages containing imported articles shall be marked, "stamped, branded, or labelled so as to indicate legibly and "plainly, in English words, the country of origin and the "quantity of their contents, and until marked in accordance with "the directions prescribed in this section no articles or packages "shall be delivered to the importer.

"Should any article or package of imported merchandise be "marked, stamped, branded, or labelled so as not accurately to "indicate the quantity, number or measurement actually con-"tained in such article or package, no delivery of the same shall "be made to the importer until the mark, stamp, brand, or label, "as the case may be, shall be changed so as to conform to the "facts of the case.

"The Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe the necessary "rules and regulations to carry out the foregoing provision."

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Said section relates to the marking of all imported merchandise capable of being marked, except cutlery, watch and clock dials, and watch and clock movements and cases, which are specifically provided for by paragraphs 152, 154, and 192 of said Act, as follows:—

Paragraph 152 provides that all penknives, pocket-knives, clasp knives, pruning knives, budding knives, erasers, manicure knives, and all other knives by whatever name known, which have folding or other than fixed blades or attachments, finished or unfinished, razors, finished or unfinished, and razor-blades, scissors and shears, and blades for the same, finished or unfinished, shall, when imported on and after 1st October, 1909, have the name of the maker or purchaser, and, beneath the same, the name of the country of origin die-sunk, conspicuously and indelibly on the shank or tang of at least one, and if practicable, each and every blade thereof.

Paragraph 154 provides that "Table, butchers', carving, cooks', hunting, kitchen, bread, butter, vegetable, fruit, cheese, carpenters', bench, curriers', drawing, farriers', fleshing, hay, tanners', plumbers', painters', palette, artists', and shoe knives, forks and steels, finished or unfinished," shall, when imported on and after 1st October, 1909, have the name of the maker or purchaser, and beneath the same, the name of the country of origin indelibly stamped or printed thereon in a place that shall not be covered thereafter.

Paragraph 192 of said Act provides that all watch and clock dials, whether attached to movements or not, shall have indelibly painted or printed thereon the name of the country of origin, and that all watch movements, lever clock movements with jewels in the escapement, and cases of foreign manufacture shall have the name of the manufacturer and country of manufacture cut, engraved, or die-sunk conspicuously and indelibly on the plate of the movement and the inside of the case, respectively, and that the movements shall also have marked thereon by one of the methods indicated, the number of jewels and adjustments expressed both in words and in Arabic numerals.

Section 8 of said Act provides as follows:—

"If any person shall fraudulently violate any of the provisions "of this Act relating to the marking, stamping, branding or "labelling of any imported articles or packages; or shall fraudu- "lently deface, destroy, remove, alter, or obliterate any such marks, "stamps, brands, or labels with intent to conceal the information "given by or contained in such marks, stamps, brands, or labels, "he shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not exceeding "five thousand dollars, or be imprisoned for any time not ex- "ceeding one year, or both."

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Appraising officers will make a careful examination of all merchandise in their hands for appraisement, in order to determine whether the same is marked in accordance with said provisions of law, and if they find the same not so marked, they will so report to the collector, and the merchandise will be sent to the general order stores and treated as unclaimed, and not delivered therefrom, unless for exportation upon due entry for that purpose being made, until properly marked by the importers under the supervision of the collector.

The word "purchaser," as used in said paragraphs 152 and 154, is held to refer either to the purchaser shown upon the consular invoice or to the ultimate consignee as shown in the declaration made upon entry. In the case of cutlery shipped to this country for sale upon consignment, as there is no purchaser, the same must be marked with the name of the manufacturer.

The law does not contemplate the marking of the coverings of crude substances, such as hides, logs, wool, crude rubber, &c., or of other substances of a moist or deliquescent nature, like certain kinds of sugar in mats, &c., the marking of which would be impracticable.

Articles usually imported in bulk, when secured together for convenience in handling, are not considered such packages as are required to be marked.

Merchandise entered for immediate exportation, or in transit through the United States to a foreign country, is not required to be marked under said provisions of law.

Articles manufactured in one country from materials produced in another should be marked with the name of the former as the country of origin.

Entry of the Baggage of Non-residents of the United States.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a Circular issued by the Treasury Department at Washington relative to the entry of the baggage and effects of passengers arriving in the United States from foreign countries. The principal regulations affecting the baggage of non-residents of the United States are as follows:—

The customs laws and regulations of the United States require an examination of all the baggage and effects of passengers arriving in the United States from foreign countries. Before such examination can take place passengers are required by law to state what articles they are bringing with them that were obtained abroad. This information must be given upon forms distributed to passengers during the early part of the voyage by an officer of the ship, which are entitled "Baggage Declaration and Entry."

Non-residents of the United States are entitled to bring in free

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of duty only such articles as are in the nature of wearing apparel, articles of personal adornment, toilet articles, and similar personal effects actually accompanying the passenger and necessary and appropriate for his or her wear and use for the purposes of the journey and present comfort and convenience, and are not intended for other persons nor for sale.

Household effects of persons or families from foreign countries will be admitted free of duty if actually used abroad by them not less than one year, and not intended for any other person nor for sale.

Articles intended for other persons, for use in business, and household effects, must be so declared.

All cigars and cigarettes must be declared. Each passenger is entitled to bring in, free of duty and internal-revenue tax, either 50 cigars or 300 cigarettes.

The exact number of pieces of baggage, including all trunks, valises, boxes, packages, and handbags of all descriptions accompanying the passenger, must be stated in the declaration.

VENEZUELA.

Tariff Classification of Substances intended to prevent the Incrustation of Steam Boilers.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy and translation of a Venezuelan Decree, dated the 1st September, providing that the substance known as "anti-corrosive liquid for boilers," destined to be mixed with the water in steam boilers in order to prevent the deposit of earthy salts contained in the water, as also similar preparations for the same purpose, shall, on importation into Venezuela, be assessed for duty in Class I. of the Customs Tariff at the rate of five centimos per kilogramme.

Tariff Treatment of Postal Parcels containing Goods subject to different Rates of Duty.

The Board of Trade have also received, through the same channel, translation of a further Decree providing that on the importation of postal parcels containing goods subject to different rates of duty, duty shall be charged, as provided by Article 2 of the Decree of the 1st August, 1896, according to the different Tariff Classes under which the various articles contained in the parcel fall, and shall not be charged on the whole parcel at the highest rate applicable to any of the goods therein.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

DENMARK (ICELAND).

Improved Mail Steamship Service between Iceland and Abroad.

The British Vice-Consul at Reykjavik (Mr. A. Sigurdsson) reports that the Althing have sanctioned agreements between the Minister for Iceland and the United Steamship Company and the Thore Steamship Company of Copenhagen for an increased and improved mail steamer service between Iceland and abroad, and also round Iceland, from the beginning of next year.

According to the stipulations of the agreements there are to be at least 45 regular mail steamer trips between Iceland and abroad, besides many extra trips by the vessels of both companies. These 45 trips are to be so arranged as to provide for weekly communications from February to October and fortnightly communications from November to January.

It has further been stipulated that two of the mail steamers running between Iceland and abroad, as also two of the coasting steamers plying round Iceland, shall be fitted with refrigerating rooms, to enable butter, meat and fish to be sent in a fresh condition to places round the coast and to foreign markets.

The agreement with the Thore Steamship Company is for a period of 10 years, and with the United Steamship Company for two years.

FRANCE.

Increased Service between Bordeaux and Mediterranean African Ports.

H.M. Consul at Bordeaux (Mr. R. D. G. Macdonald) reports that the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique has decided to increase its steamship service between Bordeaux and the Mediterranean from three departures a month to one a week. On and after 2nd October, a steamer will leave Bordeaux weekly for Oran and Algiers. One of these vessels will call every month at Gibraltar and Tangiers, taking cargo at reduced rates for the Moroccan ports of Tetuan, Ceuta, Melilla, Alhucemas, Larache, Rabat, Casablanca, Mazagan, Saffi and Mogador; another will proceed every month to Tunis. Five vessels are to be employed on the service.

PARAGUAY.

Railway from Asunción to connect with Brazilian Line at the Paraná.

With reference to the notice on p. 634 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25th June relative to a proposed railway from Asunción to the Paraná river, H.M. Consul at Asunción (Mr. G. W. E. Griffith) now reports that a 90 years' concession has been granted to an Argentine subject for the construction and working of a railway from Asunción to a point on the upper Paraná opposite the junction of

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the river Yguazú. The line is to pass through the towns of Trinidad, Limpio, Emboscada, Altos, Atyrá, Barrero Grande, Itacurubí de la Cordillera, San José, Ajos, Colonia 25 de Noviembre and Caaguazú, and is to connect with the Brazilian railway at the Paraná.

Plans and specifications have to be submitted within a year from 8th June last; construction work must be begun within six months of the approval of the plans, and within two years of that time 150 kilometres of the line must be completed. The line must be finished within four years from the date of the commencement of construction.

The line is to be of 1 metre gauge, and materials destined exclusively for the construction and working of the railway are to be admitted free of duty. Telegraph lines are to be set up along the line, and wharves, &c., may be built at the termini.

YARNS AND TEXTILES.

SIAM.

Textiles; Importers' Precautions.

The "Bulletin Commercial" of 24th July reports, on the authority of the Belgian Legation at Siam, that the Association of European Importers at Bangkok passed a resolution to the effect—(1) that, in contracts with native firms, importers should not guarantee the dimensions of their textile goods to within 1½ per cent., more or less, in either length or breadth; in the case of cotton goods the latitude should be 5 per cent. as to length, breadth and weight; (2) that, although dyed goods should approach as nearly as possible to the colour ordered, exact conformity therewith could not be guaranteed.

This action is due to the fact that when the market is falling, native firms often refuse to take delivery of goods, or refuse to pay the price agreed, on the pretext that the wares do not correspond exactly to the order.

BRITISH INDIA.

Imports of Cotton Piece-Goods.

The following statement showing the imports of cotton piece-goods into British India by sea from foreign countries during the year ended 31st March, 1909, as compared with the two preceding years has been extracted from the "Review of the Trade of India in 1908-9," by Mr. Frederick Nöel-Paton, Director-General of Commercial Intelligence, Calcutta:—

Yarns and Textiles.

	1906-7.	1907-8.	1908-9.
	Millions of yards.	Millions of yards.	Millions of yards.
Grey (unbleached) —			
Chadars	503·69	5·14	1·54
Dhutis, saris and scarves		501·40	462·26
Jaconets, including madapollams, mulls and cambrics	132·00	139·66	100·34
Drills and jeans	23·30	16·84	17·69
Sheetings		·60	·18
T. cloth and domestics	13·28	7·86	6·81
Longcloth and shirtings	625·46	581·21	451·60
Printers	·10	·31	·15
Unspecified	·65	·77	1·72
Total	1,298·48	1,253·79	1,042·29
White (bleached)—			
Chadars	52·15	·97	·69
Dhutis, saris and scarves		79·01	51·73
Nainsooks	174·51	247·51	135·21
Jaconets, madapollams, mulls, cambrics and muslins	169·77	199·95	151·65
Twills		2·60	2·92
Drills and jeans	3·52	6·30	3·74
Sheetings	—	·36	·23
T. cloth and domestics	—	·01	·03
Longcloth and shirtings	75·98	156·11	106·27
Checks, spots and stripes	5·20	9·98	8·62
Unspecified	13·84	30·72	16·66
Total	494·97	733·52	477·75
Coloured, printed or dyed—			
Chadars	73·18	·10	·10
Dhutis, including lungis		16·60	29·19
Saris and scarves		49·40	51·29
Cambrics, including muslins and mulls, and jaconets	88·66	72·83	64·97
Twills		14·06	24·91
Drills and jeans	6·42	8·74	11·48
Prints and chints	191·84	200·26	127·95
Shirtings	71·12	62·13	71·21
Other sorts	93·53	120·29	91·38
Total	524·75	544·41	472·48

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Exports of Cotton Goods.

The following statement, showing the exports of cotton goods (domestic manufacture) from the United States to the undermentioned countries during the years 1907-8 and 1908-9, has been compiled from the official statistics issued by the United States Government:—

Yarns and Textiles

To	Year ended 30th June. 1908.	1909.
Cloths—	Yards.	Yards.
United Kingdom	2,347,939	2,464,854
Germany	68,515	28,874
Turkey in Europe*	—	2,216,302
Other Europe	1,820,672	632,203
British North America	5,616,895	7,788,617
Central America and British Honduras	23,334,109	31,515,082
Mexico	1,757,427	1,840,301
Cuba	17,825,742	21,050,456
Other West Indies and Bermuda	24,711,539	43,209,245
Argentina	919,327	1,510,317
Brazil	3,470,818	2,453,460
Chile	8,263,700	8,421,751
Colombia	9,594,136	15,926,507
Ecuador*	—	2,334,293
Venezuela	4,112,349	5,889,748
Other South America	6,805,271	7,811,695
Aden*	—	26,976,950
Chinese Empire	49,876,671	139,987,013
British East Indies	4,363,794	12,000,863
Hongkong	602,000	814,872
Japan	193,445	91,161
British Australasia	6,770,423	8,324,682
Philippine Islands	9,909,417	11,789,812
Other Asia and Oceania	20,629,908	2,650,298
British Africa	1,982,838	7,724,171
All other Africa	1,017,877	2,178,015
Total quantity ... Yards	205,994,812	367,631,542
Total value ... Dols	14,268,083	21,693,080
Clothing and other apparel—	Dollars.	Dollars.
United Kingdom	1,010,063	706,290
Belgium	8,310	2,658
Germany	92,183	122,048
Other Europe	61,113	67,658
British North America	938,962	1,108,298
Central American States and British Honduras	555,697	501,982
Mexico	409,431	246,228
Cuba	322,374	330,685
Other West Indies and Bermuda	162,851	160,850
South America	110,656	80,550
Chinese Empire	224,135	40,108
Japan	26,541	14,635
British Australasia	318,541	341,332
British Africa	183,106	137,918
Other countries	282,516	385,427
Total value ... Dols.	4,701,479	4,246,667
Other goods, including yarn and waste ... Dols.	6,208,196	5,938,819
Grand total value of all cotton goods exported Dols.	25,177,758	31,878,566

* Not separately stated prior to 1st January, 1908.

AGRICULTURE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Corn Prices.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended 25th September, 1909, were as follows:—

Wheat	...	...	...	32*s.*	9*d.*
Barley	...	...	...	26*s.*	8*d.*
Oats	...	...	...	17*s.*	7*d.*

For further particulars see p. 687.

Imports of Agricultural Produce.

A statement is published on p. 688, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended 25th September, 1909, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1908.

RUSSIA.

Harvest Results.

The British Vice-Consul at Moscow (Mr. B. M. Hallward) reports that, from data of the recent harvest published in the semi-official "Industrial and Commercial Gazette," it appears that the least favourable crop was winter rye, which on the whole was somewhat below the average. Winter wheat was better than the rye, and may be called average. As regards spring crops, they were quite good, in places unprecedentedly so. Spring wheat and barley were on the whole above the average; oats, the best of the spring crops, was good, and excellent in places.

SPAIN.

Olive Oil Yield.

The Acting British Consul at Malaga reports that it is generally expected that the yield of olive oil next season will be considerably more than the average, which is one-half of a full crop. A quarter of a full crop will be required for home consumption.

The Acting British Consul at Seville reports that the olive crop there this year is expected to be considerably above the average.

ITALY.

Olive Oil Yield.

H.M. Consul at Naples (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.), reports that the Italian olive oil yield this year is expected to be no more than from 200,000 to 250,000 tons; 400,000 tons of olive oil is considered a full crop. It is estimated that four-fifths of the yield will be required for home consumption.

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (BOSNIA).

State of Plum Market.

The Acting British Consul has forwarded the following information regarding the state of the plum market in Bosnia :—

The drying of the fruit began on 5th September, but the arrivals did not take place before the 10th. The market is unfavourably affected by the scarcity of the last crop, which only amounted to about 700 wagons, or, in other words, two-thirds below the average. No business has so far been concluded, and the merchants of the country, who show no inclination to sell, appear to be waiting for offers from abroad. Some dealers, however, have endeavoured to dispose of a certain number of "garnitures" at 25 crowns (1*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*) per metric half-quintal.

The current market prices are as follows :—

70/75 plums to the kilog.		2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* – 2*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*		per metric quintal	
80/85	,,	,,	2*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*	,,	,,
95/100	,,	,,	1*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*	,,	,,
115/120	,,	,,	1*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*	,,	,,

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MEXICO.

Estimated Coffee Crop of Chiapas.

H.M. Consul-General at Mexico City (Mr. C. E. W. Stringer) has forwarded an extract from the "Mexican Herald" of 8th September, from which it appears that, taking into account the steady rains of the past summer and the favourable weather that has prevailed since the coffee plants in the district began to bloom, the growers estimate the Chiapas coffee crop this season at about 18,000,000 lbs.

MISCELLANEOUS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Cotton Statistics.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended 23rd September, 1909, was 24,867 (including 96 bales British West African), and the number imported during the thirty-eight weeks ended 23rd September was 2,681,665 (including 6,158 bales British West Indian, 10,855 bales British West African, 6,145 bales British East African and 326 bales foreign East African). The number of bales exported during the week ended 23rd September was 5,303, and during the thirty-eight weeks, 266,662.

For further details see p. 687.

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CANADA.

Lumber Industry of New Brunswick.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at St. John, New Brunswick (Mr. W. E. Anderson) reports that, according to a statement by the Surveyor-General of the Province, the log-cut on Crown timber lands last year was 203,000,000 feet, besides posts and railway ties, the total stumpage revenue being some 230,000 dollars (about 47,000*l.*). The lumber trade, says Mr. Anderson, has been rather quiet, but the cut of logs during the coming winter will probably be fairly large.

NEW ZEALAND.

Registration of Trade Marks.

With reference to the notice on p. 209 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29th April relative to the registration of trade marks in New Zealand, H.M. Trade Commissioner for that Colony has forwarded a number of forms of application for registration of trade marks, with information concerning the fees and procedure. These may be obtained by British firms interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

RUSSIA.

Floating Exhibition at Near Eastern Ports.

The Acting British Consul-General at Odessa (Mr. C. A. Goodwin) reports that a floating exhibition of Russian products, which will visit various ports of the Near East, has been arranged by the Russian Steam Navigation and Trading Company, who are fitting out a large steamer for the purpose. The exhibition is to begin early in November and is to last for about two months. The cost is estimated at 10,000*l.*

The following information is from the report by the British Vice-Consul at Windau (Mr. E. H. Ruffmann) on the trade of that district in 1908, which will shortly be issued:—

Direct Trade in Butter with United Kingdom.

The enormous quantity of butter taken by Denmark is very remarkable, it being nearly double in value that purchased at Windau by the United Kingdom. It appears pretty certain that the greater part of this butter is re-exported to the United Kingdom; the journey, however, is hardly calculated to reduce the price or to improve the quality of the article. It should be worth the while of British importers to get into closer connection with the producers in Siberia, with a view to obtaining a direct supply.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the week and 38 weeks ended 23rd September, 1909 :—

	Week ended 23rd Sept., 1909.	38 Weeks ended 23rd Sept., 1909.	Week ended 23rd Sept., 1909.	38 Weeks ended 23rd Sept., 1909.
	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.	
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
American	10,715	2,091,178	1,632	137,166
Brazilian	—	29,154	550	6,056
East Indian	—	88,935	223	31,153
Egyptian	5,312	380,780	2,687	86,715
Miscellaneous	8,840*	91,618†	211	5,572
Total	24,867	2,681,665	5,303	266,662

* Including 96 bales British West African.

† Including 6,158 bales British West Indian, 10,855 bales British West African, 6,145 bales British East African and 326 bales foreign East African.

NOTE.—Cotton "in transit" or "for transhipment under bond," *if described as such in the ships' reports*, is not included in this return.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the **Average Price** of **British Corn,** per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 25th September, 1909, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	Average Price.					
	Wheat.		Barley.		Oats.	
	s.	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*
Week ended 25th September, 1909	32	9	26	8	17	7
Corresponding week in—						
1902	25	10	25	11	17	5
1903	26	3	23	9	15	9
1904	29	10	25	5	15	8
1905	26	9	24	3	16	1
1906	25	9	24	8	16	2
1907	31	8	25	3	17	8
1908	31	5	26	8	17	2

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 25th September, 1909, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

		Week ended 25th Sept., 1909.	*Corresponding Week in 1908.*
Animals, living :—			
Oxen, bulls, cows and calves	Number	7,227	*8,229*
Sheep and lambs	"	–	*1,739*
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	181	*129*
Fresh meat :—			
Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...	Cwts.	150,069	*85,417*
Mutton " " " ...	"	72,310	*87,238*
Pork " " " ...	"	7,988	*10,934*
Meat unenumerated, fresh (including refrigerated and frozen)	"	13,479	*6,456*
Salted or preserved meat :—			
Bacon	Cwts.	72,156	*77,089*
Beef	"	3,919	*1,825*
Hams	"	20,584	*15,319*
Pork	"	4,892	*3,394*
Meat, unenumerated, salted	"	753	*1,305*
" preserved otherwise than by salting (including tinned and canned)	"	26,732	*5,602*
Dairy Produce and substitutes :—			
Butter	Cwts.	68,266	*76,162*
Margarine	"	15,555	*15,845*
Cheese	"	43,973	*55,510*
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	—
" cream	"	132	*125*
" condensed	"	23,913	*17,411*
" preserved, other kinds	"	89	*139*
Eggs	Grt. Hundr.	444,186	*429,865*
Poultry	Value £	7,715	*,102*
Game	"	1,357	*1,947*
Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen)	Cwts.	24,223	*15,207*
Lard	"	23,519	*23,934*
Corn, grain, meal, and flour :—			
Wheat	Cwts.	2,168,300	*1,911,600*
Wheat meal and flour	"	272,500	*268,300*
Barley	"	755,500	*918,500*
Oats	"	408,600	*338,300*
Peas	"	52,610	*27,430*
Beans	"	110,540	*72,100*
Maize or Indian corn	"	836,300	*370,000*
Fruit, raw :—			
Apples	Cwts.	24,778	*62,753*
Apricots and peaches	"	70	*33*
Bananas	Bunches.	188,651	*143,831*
Cherries	Cwts.	—	—
Currants	"	—	—
Gooseberries	"	—	—
Grapes	"	29,954	*36,721*
Lemons	"	15,676	*16,580*
Oranges	"	6,581	*5,906*
Pears	"	29,357	*22,246*
Plums	"	12,167	*7,356*
Strawberries	"	—	—
Unenumerated	"	17,102	*11,582*
Hay	Tons.	2,596	*428*
Straw	"	49	*31*
Moss litter	"	1,762	*1,478*
Hops	Cwts.	1,760	*2,018*
Locust beans	"	15,200	*24,000*
Vegetables, raw :—			
Onions	Bushels.	210,323	*218,029*
Potatoes	Cwts.	49,776	*42,376*
Tomatoes	"	25,038	*21,775*
Unenumerated	Value £	1,553	*1,848*
Vegetables, dried	Cwts.	3,421	*4,139*
" preserved by canning	"	3,113	*13,155*

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of August, 1909, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1*s.* 4*d.* per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that two volumes of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1908 have been issued, and may be purchased at any of the addresses enumerated above at a cost of 6*s.* for the first volume and 3*s.* 5*d.* for the second volume. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives in the first volume abstract tables for the years 1904-1908, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country), and in the second volume details as to Customs revenue, transhipments and articles in bond, with particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country and British possession, and of the trade at each port of the United Kingdom.

The Supplement to Vols. I. and II. will contain abstract and detailed tables showing countries of *consignment* of imports and countries of *ultimate destination* of exports.

BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the September issue:—State of the Labour Market in August; Earnings and Hours of Labour in the Clothing Trades; Recent Proceedings under Conciliation Act; Dispute in Sweden; Prevention of Trade Disputes in Transvaal.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORT.

The following Consular Report of the **Annual Series** has been issued during the past week:—

No. 4,352. Trade and Commerce of Consular District of Gothenburg in 1908.

Fisheries.

Depression in industry: iron, mechanical engineering, peat, wood pulp, &c.

Reports from Stromstadt, Uddevalla, Marstrand, Warberg, Halmstad, Helsingborg, Landscrona, Malmö, Ystad, Ahus and Carlscrona

* It can be purchased through any newsagent, price 1*d.*

Government Publications.

COLONIAL OFFICE REPORTS.

The following reports have been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

No. 610. Malta, 1908-9, with Map.
No. 611. Sierra Leone, 1908, with Map.
No. 612. Turks and Caicos Islands, 1908, with Map.
No. 613. Gold Coast, 1908.

OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Mines and Quarries. General Report and Statistics for 1908, *by the Chief Inspector of Mines. Part II.—Labour.* [*Cd.* 4,877.] *Price* 10*d.*

This publication contains a general report and statistics relating to persons employed and accidents at mines and quarries in the United Kingdom, and to the enforcement of the Mines and Quarries Acts.

According to these statistics the total number of persons employed at mines and at the quarries under the Quarries Act in the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man during the year 1908 was 1,103,215, of whom 1,017,740 were employed in or about mines, and 85,475 in or about quarries. Compared with the preceding year there is an increase of 45,520 persons employed at mines. In 1908, 1,264 separate fatal accidents occurred in or about mines and quarries, causing the loss of 1,437 lives, showing, as compared with 1907, a decrease of 19 in the number of fatal accidents, and an increase of 69 in the number of lives lost.

Fifty-second Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue, for the year ended 31*st March*, 1909. [*Cd.* 4868.] *Price* 1*s.* 7*d.*

The net receipts of Inland Revenue duties in the United Kingdom (including the amounts allocated to the Local Taxation Accounts) were 96,187,542*l.* during the year ended 31st March, 1909, as compared with 97,273,673*l.* during the preceding year. Of the net receipts in 1908-9, the sum of 33,690,518*l.* was derived from excise duties, 18,310,280*l.* from estate, &c., duties, 7,827,385*l.* from stamp duties, 710,911*l.* from land tax, 1,939,907*l.* from inhabited house duty and 33,708,541*l.* from income tax.

Index to Reports of H.M. Diplomatic and Consular Representatives Abroad on Trade and Subjects of General Interest (with Appendix), 1908. [*Cd.* 4,879.] *Price* 1*s.* 1*d.*

This Index of subjects dealt with in the Reports of H.M. Diplomatic and Consular Officers Abroad, issued by the Foreign Office during the year 1908, has been prepared in the Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade.

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Appended to this Index is a list of all the Reports indexed, showing the price of each, together with a list of certain Parliamentary Papers on trade and subjects of general economic interest, other than the Reports above-mentioned, also issued by the Foreign Office during the year 1908.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland. Report on the Trade in Imports and Exports at Irish Ports during the year ended 31st December, 1908. [*Cd.* 4869.] *Price* 11½*d.*

The tables given in this report represent within 1 or 2 per cent the gross quantities of Irish imports and exports from and to Great Britain and places abroad. But while the gross quantities of the trade are thus known, the description of goods in regard to many consignments remains general and inadequate, and, accordingly, it is pointed out that these reports furnish a record of the import and export trade of the country which is only approximate, and is neither complete as regards quantities nor exact as regards values.

The total estimated value of the import and export trade at Irish ports in the year 1908 is 117,377,472*l.* The imports amount to a total of 59,008,172*l.* and the exports to 58,369,300*l.* A decrease in 1908, as compared with 1907, has taken place both in imports and exports, the decrease in imports amounting to 2,573,409*l*, and in exports to 1,758,217*l.*

Besides tables showing in detail the total quantities and estimated values of commodities imported into and exported from Ireland for the years 1904-8, the report contains appendices with extracts relating to Irish trade with foreign countries, taken from Reports for 1908 of H.M. Consular Officers, a table of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom in 1908, and diagrams showing the monthly fluctuations in the number of fat and store cattle exported from Ireland and in the number of cattle imported into the United Kingdom, also of the quantities of butter and eggs imported into the United Kingdom, and exported from Ireland to Great Britain, during 1908.

East India (Statistical Abstract). Statistical Abstract relating to British India from 1898-9 *to* 1907-8. [*Cd.* 4,837.] *Price* 1*s.* 3*d.*

This abstract contains statistics of the area and population, finance, railways, education, agriculture, trade, shipping, &c., of British India.

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FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

THE following Reports of H.M. Diplomatic and Consular Officers, which have been issued in the **Annual** and **Miscellaneous** Series since the 1st January, 1909. may be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

The titles of the Miscellaneous Series are printed in Italic type.

No.	Place.	Price
	EUROPE—	
	Austria-Hungary:	
4305	Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1908	4½*d.*
4334	Fiume, 1908...	1*d.*
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	Belgium:	
4182	Antwerp, Shipping, 1908 ...	6½*d.*
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THOS. SWATHERIDGE, Clerk.

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September 17th, 1909.

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Contract No. 87.
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Waterworks Engineer's Office.
Leeds, 15th September, 1909.

Bishop's Stortford Urban District Council.

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By order,

THOS. SWATHERIDGE,
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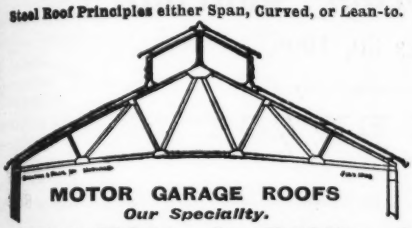

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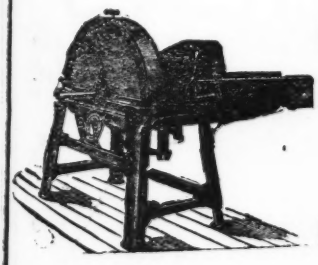

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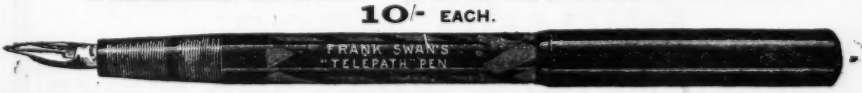

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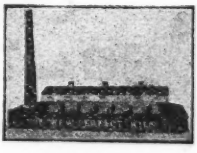

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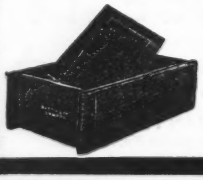

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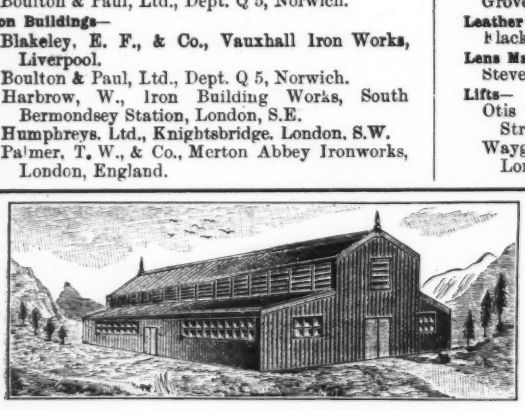

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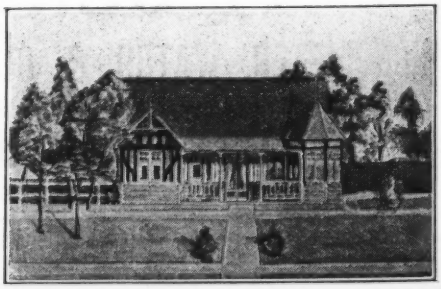

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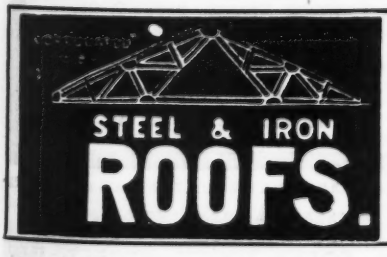

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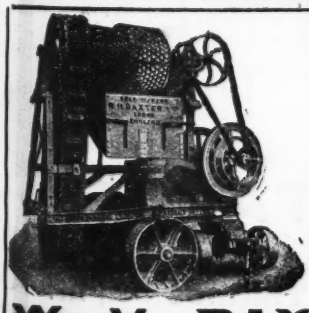

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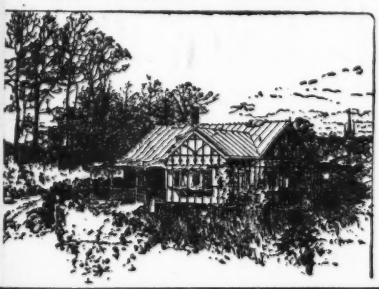

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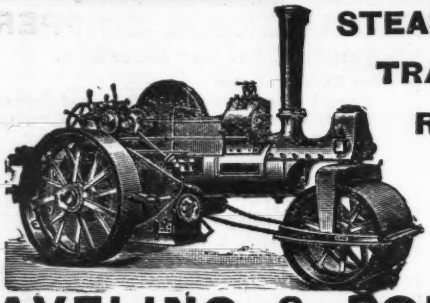

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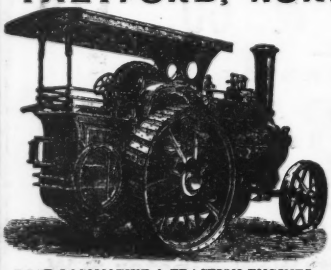

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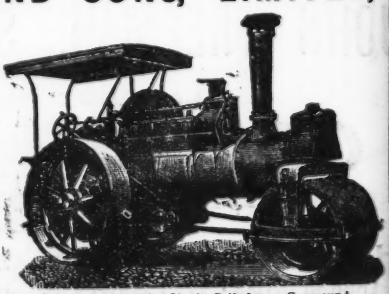

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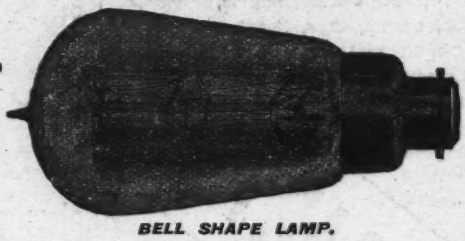

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